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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN IMPORT TARIFFS-BOATS

REF: (1) CARACAS 12804; (2) USDOC 18944; (3) STATE 299049

1. TARIFF NOW READS AS FOLLOWS FOR ALL RECREATION AND SPORTS
VESSELS:

(A) SAILBOATS UP TO 2000 KILOS (89.01.02.01) 81 PERCENT AD
VALOREM UNDER LICENSE.

(B) OTHER BOATS UP TO 9.44 METERS (31 FEET) IN LENGTH
(89.01.02.02) 102 PERCENT AD VALOREM.

(C) OTHER BOATS (89.01.01.99) 81 PERCENT AD VALOREM.

2. SAILBOATS OVER 2000 KILOS ARE DUTIABLE AT 81 PERCENT AS
"OTHER BOATS", AS ARE NON-SAIL BOATS OVER 31 FEET. THERE
HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN TARIFFS APPLICABLE TO WORK BOATS.

3. CHANGES PER REFTTEL (3) AS FOLLOWS:

(A) LIGHT BULBS FOR NORMAL TYPES OF LIGHTING, OTHER THAN
OF 15 TO 150 WATTS (85-20-01.01.99) INCREASED FROM 5 PERCENT
TO 41 PERCENT. APPEARS TO REFER TO LARGE BULBS FRO INDUSTRIAL
USE.

(B) OTHER MACHINES AND APPARATUS FOR AGRICULTURE: AUTOMATIC
FEEDERS (84.28.02.03) FROM 40 PERCENT TO 60 PERCENT AD
VALOREM.

AUTOMATIC DRINKING UNITS (84.28.02.04) FROM 40 PERCENT
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TO 60 PERCENT AD VALOREM.

4. ALMOST 800 SEPARATE LINE ITEMS HAVE BEEN CHANGED AS A RESULT
OF ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE ANDEAN PACT COUNTRIES.
CHANGES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUE AS COUNTRIES ATTEMPT TO PROMOTE
INTER-ANDEAN TRADE AT EXPENSE OF THIRD COUNTRY SUPPLIERS.
POST IS TRANSMITTING COPY OF GACETA OFFICIAL VIA APO. LOCAL
PRESS REPORTS INCREASE IN DUTY RATE ON PLEASURE CRAFT AS ONLY
MAJOR CHANGE BUT CLEARLY MANY LESS DRAMATIC INCREASES ARE ALSO
AFFECTING U.S.
SUPPLIERS. POST WILL FORWARD REVISED TARIFF SCHEDULE
AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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